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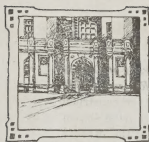
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From ocean gleams—

I think of thee, love, when the pale moon's glimmer
Silvers the streams.

I see thee, love, when on the distant highway
The dust-clouds part—

At dead of night, when on the narrow by-way
The wanderer starts.

I hear thee, love, when yonder with dull hissing
The billow swells—

To the still grove I often go to listen,
Where silence dwells.

I'm by thy side, though 'tween us seas be sweeping,
To me thou'rt near!

The sun sinks low, the stars will soon be peeping,
Oh, wert thou here!

—W. A. R. Kerr.

The World at Large.

Our attention has been drawn by the *University of Ottawa Review* to some remarks about the *Review of Reviews* which occurred in our December number. Our exchange has construed them as a criticism of the *Review of Reviews* "for having shown the instability of a philosophical argument against the Mass." We admit that our remarks were perhaps capable of such an interpretation, but submit that such was far from their intention. On the contrary, we were most interested and, we confess, delighted to observe that the *Review of Reviews*, which must be recognized as a most potent agent in shaping public opinion both in England and on this continent has at last ceased to ignore the Church and its Sacraments as agencies not only as potent in shaping opinion throughout the civilized world, but also as agencies whose historical pretensions and claims are both rational and compatible with scientific truth.

A local paper liberal has quoted with glee from the *Toronto Telegram*, conservation as follows: "The Alberta and Great Waterways case has ended in a truly appalling decision. The law lords of the Privy Council have drawn the pen of judicial authority through the whole great doctrine as provincial sovereignty. The Provincial Parliament is a mere County Council, under the ruling of the Privy Council in the Alberta case." Several observations occur to us. First, we know of no doctrine of "provincial sovereignty," nor can we find any trace of such in the literature, either legal or historical, which refers to the constitution of this country or any other part of this Empire, except in the sense that within the limits laid down in their constitution which are in every case written, they exercise as deputies certain portions of the sovereign authority by which the whole Empire is ultimately governed, viz.: the King in Parliament, i.e., the Parliament of the United Kingdom. In this sense the authority of the Dominion of Canada or the State of New South Wales is precisely analogous to the "sovereignty" of the Liverpool Borough Council or the London County Council, as Joseph Howe, surely a sufficiently ardent champion of local privileges pointed out fifty years ago. In fact, the Province of Alberta is, as it were, less in dignity as a sovereign power than an English County Council, inasmuch as it is the deputy of the Dominion of

Canada, which in turn is the deputy of the Imperial Government, and legally on precisely the same footing as an English County Council. Of course the writer of the passage we quote has had in mind the American Doctrine of State Rights, which has an intelligible historical origin and foundation and which is explicitly recognized by the law of the Country. The claims which states in the American Union made under this head are for rights prior in time to the United States, and to the court which judges them, whereas the authority of the Provinces of Canada is directly, or indirectly as in Alberta, derived from the same authority of which the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council is the mouthpiece. We should also like to observe here, that were it not for the resource we have in the Courts for settling such disputes as the present one, these matters would have to be threshed out in the Dominion Parliament, a process which would occupy a great deal of valuable time, which would no doubt bring to bear on the question the many and various talents of that august body, but which would certainly end in a solution on party lines, a solution which no doubt would be very pleasant were the party in power at Ottawa the same as that in power at Edmonton or Toronto as the case might be, but "truly appalling," we imagine, if they happened to be different. We confess to being simple-minded enough to prefer to take our chances of getting justice in the law-courts rather than to entrust them to the keeping of either political party. It would be as relevant for the press to invoke the American Doctrine of the Sanctity of Contracts apropos of a Canadian case. Such a proceeding could hardly prove more amusing to the Government of this Province than the ignorance of some of its champions truest be.

The Bill for the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales has passed the House of Commons to the tune of "Hen Wlad Fy Rhadan," performed by the dozen Members of the House who are proficient in the Welsh tongue. Fortunately or unfortunately the net-result of the passage of the bill through the House resembles rather striking the mess we have printed above (the Welsh for *Land of our Fathers*); the bill as it stands proposes to Disestablish the Church, in other words, to deprive it of any further prestige than its actual work and constituency entitle it to, to deprive it of or release it from, according to one's point of view, the interference of Parliament and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in its doctrine, liturgy, finances, etc., and to disendow it to the extent of 22 per cent. of its

possessions. We hardly know whether the moral victory rests with the Government or the Church. While doubtless many of the Nonconformist leaders will gloat over this blow to the pride of the Church, many a honest Welsh ratepayer will long in vain for the promised golden egg in the shape of hospitals and libraries, and coals at Christmas that was to accompany the exit of the national bogey. Our own impression is that the Lords would do well to pass the bill. The Church in Wales is quite healthy enough to survive the blow (in fact it is increasing, while most of the Nonconformist bodies are decreasing in numbers in Wales), and there would be room in the papers and reviews, and political speeches for some more interesting and profitable discussions. Certainly some of the clergy and churchmen would rejoice at the return to apostolic indifference to civil authority and worldly compromise that such an event would make possible.

Editorial

W. F. SEYER, - - - - ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

The Exams. are over! What a sigh of relief arises from the heart of everyone of us as we finish our last paper: for it is inconceivable that any youth or maiden could have enjoyed these tedious exams. "If such there be go mark him well." It is our opinion that all tests are a gross restriction on our individual freedom and nothing less than an outrage on British justice. There is no escape from work. Think of those palmy days when college life consisted of wine parties, midnight carousals, town and gown fights, with an occasional lecture thrown in. Those were happy days. But today college is a regular beehive of industry. Well might we exclaim with Cicero: "O tempora! O Mores!"

By the time our readers have received this month's issue we shall have once more encountered our rivals from Saskatchewan—this time in hockey. Whatever the result, one thing is certain, the hockey situation this winter has been unsatisfactory. The season will be practically over in a month and very few games so far. However, we hope with the aid of the Rooters' Club, to add another victory.



Current Ideas

In the past month a wave of evangelism has passed over a few of the prominent Methodist churches of this city. Without doubt a great deal of good has been accomplished. Many people have been stimulated into an enquiry after a larger life. We cannot but wonder a little, however, if there is not somewhat of an artificial tone about many of these evangelistic meetings. To describe the spirit which animates them as "a wave" is perhaps not quite true to the facts. A wave has more of the incalculable in it, than a set campaign to promulgate certain tenets or feelings. Such campaigns have this virtue that they serve as an indicator of the virility of the church. Where good strong foundations have been laid the superstructure of an admirable Christian manhood is built with much less effort.

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The recent visit of Dr. T. Albert Moore is a demonstration of the fact that human nature will yet respond to appeals for help, when a genuinely good cause is forcefully presented. The General Secretary's address on the work of the department of Temperance and Moral Reform were fruitful at Metropolitan Church of subscriptions to the extent of \$475.00. We speak of the difficulties of financing religious activities. Those difficulties often vanish entirely under the influence of powerful preaching. The pulpit is still a place of power when it is not used as a platform from which to dole platitudes.

If you feel like kicking at the amount of space allotted this month to A.C., kindly exercise your energy on the Editor-in-chief.

Athletics

There is scarcely anything more difficult than to write about nothing and say something, yet we are under an obligation to do this in speaking of A. C. sports this month. As the games in the second schedule of the Basketball league have only just commenced it is too early to place the teams or suggest possible winners. From present showing, however, every team is out to win and there is likely to be a contest of much interest.

On the ice we have not yet got our hockey teams into shape

but we hope that in a day or two our class league games will be in progress if the weather does not continue to interfere with us. The senior team has not yet been chosen although players from the college have met the S.C.I. in the Intercollegiate league. Our unorganized team went down before them but we hope to put in a stronger seven on the next encounter.

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Y. M. C. A.

Chief among the religious activities of this society is that connected with the "Central Mission." Meetings are held every Sunday night in the Garland Theatre, conducted by the Evangelistic Band. The singing is accompanied by the college orchestra and special vocalists are obtained from members of the Glee Club. The object of this effort is to reach the passer-by—man or woman—and bring them under the influence of the Gospel message. This message is frequently proclaimed by Prof. Bland who is an earnest, enthusiastic supporter of the work. Our efforts are not in vain for many are attracted to our meetings and several cases of definite decision for a better life are recorded.

Our society was represented at the annual banquet of the Edmonton Y.M.C.A. on February 7th by the President whose five minutes address was warmly appreciated.

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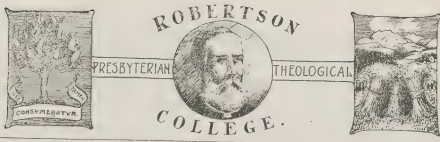
That if you have never heard the dulcet tones with which J. J. J - - ks - n translates Latin that you have missed a treat.

N.B.—If intending a visit to the class for the purpose, kindly bring an ear-trumpet.

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That J. L - - has entered the L.C.C. (no reference to any city); and that the degree of G.M.Q. is about to be conferred on him. It will be remembered that this honour was bestowed last year upon Messrs. S - - ps - n and Pr - - tl - y who were also members of the L.C.C.

For explanation of abbreviations see J. L - - or Ed.



The Spirit and the Letter

The Westminster Confession of Faith is a great and growing fact in the life of every Presbyterian student—so great that this simple statement will immediately throw him into a state of nervous tension, which he will endeavour to excuse by pretending that it is I who makes him nervous. The shadow of subscription hangs over us all; we don't know much about it, as a rule, but we have an intuition of dogmatic disagreement. This lack of knowledge rarely interferes with debate; on the contrary, it lends to the discussion a rosy glow of disguised imagination, which we will proceed now to borrow.

How is it then, that four out of every five young heretics manage to subscribe? We are informed that the majority assent to "the substance" or "the spirit" of the creed, both terms having, apparently, the same significance. We have no quarrel with the man who regards the Confession as a legal fiction, and he who really believes it, of course, is unassailable; but we wish to protest gently against the idea that a thing can be accepted in the spirit and rejected in the letter. Some partial rejection of the letter there may be, when a statement is loosely made, unhappily expressed, or when it contains a slight foreign element. But when a thing is precisely stated and reasonably coherent, when able men have chosen just those words which most adequately expressed their ideas, the dodge is unfair. And the unfairness spreads far beyond the Confession of Faith. It is used in connection with principles which are supposed to underlie the whole fabric of religion. It is not only a trick of the specialist, it is fast becoming the common wisdom of humanity. It amounts to a widespread dishonouring of the letter, and it is mischievous enough to pass itself off as something rather superior and up-to-date; we have even known one humorist who quoted St. Paul in support.

Let it be admitted that it is difficult to express an idea perfectly, and that the expression is occasionally exaggerated in informal but pregnant speech. It remains true that the spirit depends in the most intimate way upon the letter. The excuse for the letter's existence is that a stable agent for the communication of the spirit can be found in no other way; the glory of the letter is that it is the spirit's permanent embodiment. It

cannot be slighted without spiritual loss; reject it, and almost immediately the spirit becomes chaotic, formless—that is, dead. The letter is not something opposed to the spirit, but something less than the spirit. To believe in the spirit of a law is to believe in the letter of the law so intensely that the belief becomes alive; it is not to accept something other than the letter, but to accept the letter in a more effective way.

But what provision is there for growth? So far as we have been able to observe, growth does not work from a letter into a blue mist, but from an old letter into a clearer new letter. Letters do die—when their spirits have really outgrown them. But then the spirit makes itself a new body, and the obvious thing to do with the old one is to bury it, or possibly dress it in a flame-coloured robe and burn it. These things may be objectionable or difficult, but they are not merely so unhealthy as the worshipping of letters when their animating spirits have fled.

We still pour new liquids into old bottles; we are likely to go on doing it for a long time yet. Possibly the occasional bursting of a bottle is not very serious after all, but may Heaven send that our various distillations are wholesome as the old wine.

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ALLE SAME WALT MASON

To the Editor of The Gateway:

Sir,—I am writing this because I think 'it rather rough on chaps who use their ink, and wrack their brains with unremitting toil, and court the Muse, and burn the midnight oil (or rather burn the midnight electricity), imagining in their simplicity that gems of thought are issuing from their pen, which very soon will make them famous men; it's rather rough I say that these poor chaps, should have to face so many sad mishaps. For when they send to you a gem they straightway behold it maimed and mangled in the Gateway.

A freshman writes a thing he thinks is witty, a yearning poet pens a doleful ditty; sages will condescendingly expound the products of their intellects profound, and lo! in every case the reader finds the darling offspring of these brilliant minds profusely sprinkled o'er with printers' errors, with strangely misspelled words and other terrors. A sweet inspiring song is cleft in twain, or lacks a line—perhaps the reader's gain! (Forgive me, Printer, if I do you wrong, but why, oh why, did you misprint my song?)

Now, Mr. Editor, that I've expressed the grief and rage that rankles in my breast when needless errors mar our magazine, I merely hope you will not think I mean to criticize unkindly and I'll end, by signing,

Most sincerely yours,

A FRIEND.

—A.W.T.

The Wauneita Society

No one will be more pleased when the new quarters in Assiniboia Hall are ready than the Wauneitas. Like the Israelites of old they have had this session no fixed place of abode, but unlike those sojourners in the wilderness their garments are likely to wear out more quickly than usual under present conditions. There are moments when the reception room looks as if preparations were on foot for a rummage sale, and the search for wraps after lectures seems like a new application of the Wauneita motto: "Each for all and all for each." We are looking forward to having a "Wauneita Room" with our own pictures, mirror, etc., and hooks on which to hang our wraps.

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Miss Erna Roedler has resumed her studies this term and is taking up third year work. Her many friends in the University give her a warm welcome

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Among the New Year appointments to the staff of Edmonton schools we notice the names of two of our graduates, Miss D. E. Robinson, M.Sc., to Highlands school, and Miss A. Wilson, B.A., to Alexander Taylor school.

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Miss E. Anderson, B.A., has gone to Calgary to take a course at Normal School.

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Miss S.—Who was it said: "Lend me your ears"?

Miss M.—Mark Antony in "Julius Caesar." Why?

Miss S.—I wonder if he had had his own frozen.

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On January 4th, the Y.W.C.A. and the Wauneita Society held a joint meeting in Assiniboia Hall, to which the Alberta College girls were invited. Miss Lukes, of the Edmonton Y.W., gave a very interesting and instructive address on the work in Edmonton and other cities. She told of the life in the residence on the north side and of the work of the Travellers' Aid. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served in the reception room by the Wauneita Society, and a pleasant hour was spent with our visitors.

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To help make the room in which the Sunday services were held more attractive the Y.W. bought a pretty green rug for the platform and a plant for the piano.

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Extract from a club report: "The Club has secured a couple of hours a week in the Alberta Gym. So far the practices have been rather doomed."

Queries:

(1) Were the hours secured with ropes, chains, or how?

(2) Is the Alberta Gym. a provincial institution?

(3) Will all the wicked be only "rather" doomed in the future?

A Women's Athletic Association was organized last month with the following officers:

President—Miss Rutherford.

Advisory Committee—Miss Lavell, Miss Fowler, Miss Colby, Miss McLean, Miss Thompson.

Under the General Association two clubs have already been formed, viz.:

1. A hockey club, the officers of which are—

President—Miss Dyde.

Vice-President—Miss McLean.

Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Liesemer.

Advisory Committee—Miss Thatcher, Miss H. Montgomery, Miss Fulmer.

2. A Basketball Club, with officers as follows—

President—Miss Thatcher.

Vice-President—Miss Fowler.

Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Colby.

Advisory Committee—Miss Colby, Miss Hotson, Miss Allen

The Alberta College gym. has been secured twice a week for basketball practice.

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OUR ALMA MATER

There has fallen to my lot to-night the honor of proposing a toast to our Alma Mater. More especially ought we to honor her at this festive season since it is she who provides us with the greatest feast of all.

She places before us the tough but wholesome meat of Euclid and Science; she showers upon us the fruits of all the ages gathered out of every land and she steeps us in the sparkling wine of poetry. Her praises need hardly here be extolled for we know her merits full well.

As yet she is young but of that we need hardly complain for she is fresh and unprejudiced and we, her children, are confident that in the years to come our deeds will add glory to her untarnished name, so that not only we, the favored few, but also the whole earth will acclaim her noblest upon earth.

Let us drink then to our Alma Mater!

—J.T.

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PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday, February 19, one of the best attended and most interesting members' meetings of the society took place. Mr. Mitchell was the speaker for the evening and he took as his subject the subconscious. The meetings of the society are becoming so valuable that no student who is intending to study philosophy or who is trying to do some honest thinking about essentials for himself or finally wants to get the best out of his college life can afford to miss them.

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Everything was conducted on a splendid scale. All the arrangements were made by the science dance committee in the business-like manner for which engineers are justly famed. About eighty couple were present and they certainly enjoyed the time of their lives. (By the way, ask Mattern where he found his partner for the evening.) The library as usual was tastefully arranged as a supper room and the dining hall was used for dancing. A programme of eighteen dances and three extras had been arranged but the orchestra was prevailed upon for one more. When the happy gathering dispersed the only complaint voiced was that a similar dance was not to be held the following night. In conclusion may we extend hearty congratulations to the science men on their debut and wish them in the name of the sister faculty "Many Happy Returns of the Day."

--H.J.T.

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Make dizzy the sense, like the toss of the ocean;
While Venus rides high, and serenely she smiles,
As they glide round the fen for a score and odd miles.

But then on the morrow, as dull Horace they scan
And the tutor say slow "Scan it best as you can,"
Then the trochee and dactyl refuse to give place,
For the scanner is scanning a fair skater's face.

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